

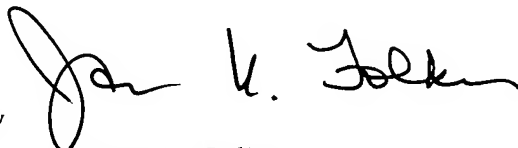
## REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that dependent Claims 8 and 10-13 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if amended into independent form to include the features of their associated dependent claims and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has amended Claims 8 and 10 into independent form, and to include the features of the intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests an indication of the allowance of independent Claims 8 and 10 and associated dependent Claims 11-14.

For all of the above reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of the application, or that outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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